

"The region occupied by the Siriono is characterized by a tropical climate with two seasons, the wet and the dry. The former lasts from November to May; the latter from May to November. The annual mean temperature (no records available) runs around 73° F., with extremes of 50°F, during the cold south winds from Tierra del Fuego and 110° F. during the heat of the average day. During the rainy season the climate is very hot and moist, with rains on the average of every other day; during the dry season the extreme heat of the day is tempered by cooler nights and occasional cold wind storms from the south. These 'sures,' as they are called by the Spanish-speaking natives of the region, are usually accompanied by rain and a very sudden drop in temperature. They generally last about 4 days and occur at average intervals of 15 days during April, May, and June. The prevailing winds however, are from the north. the average rainfall is about 100 inches per year."

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"On occasions when it rains heavily--and this happens on the average about 2 or 3 nights per week during the rainy season--the Siriono grumblingly takes down his hammock and squats by the fire, which is always carefully protected from the rain by leaves of the patujú, until the downpour passes. Consequently, he undergoes many a sleepless night during the year."